

# **Hunter Mill Highlights**

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

The Board of Supervisors was busy with recognitions at our meeting on Tuesday. We bid adieu to Captain Deborah Burnett of the Reston District Station who is retiring after 29 years with the Police Department. Captain Andre Tibbs is the new Reston District Station commander. Len Wales who ably served for many years as the County's Debt Manager is also leaving the County. And, Ed Long, a familiar face at many community budget meetings, is also stepping down from his position as Deputy County Executive and Chief Financial Officer. We confirmed Susan Data, currently heading our budget efforts, as Ed's replacement. The County was fortunate to have these dedicated and talented individuals guiding us through these tough economic times and we wish them all our best.

**Cathy Hudgins** 

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bike to Work Day:** Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Reston Town Center pavilion will be one of several pit stops for the annual Bike to Work Day sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, the Washington Area Bicyclists Association (WABA) and Fairfax County. Pit stops will provide snacks and drinks, offer free bicycle tune-ups ad a chance to meet fellow riders. Register with WABA to get a 2011 t-shirt and be eligible to win cool prizes. Register at www.waba.org

## 5-10-2011 BOARD ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

Below are excerpts from the **May 10, 2011 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. For additional details, please go to the County's <u>Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule</u> section on the County's webpage. Some County links may not be active until later in the week.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Admin1: Streets into the State Secondary System – for state maintenance; Town Center Parkway (Route 7414).

Admin 6: Authorization to advertise public hearing for revisions to Chapter 3 of Code of Fairfax regarding employee participation in political activities. Board action is to approve advertising public hearing on June 7<sup>th</sup>. A number of changes were recommended which simplify language and clarify employees' rights to express matters of public concern to elected officials and employee participation in political activities to bring Fairfax County code in alignment with Virginia Code.

Admin 7: Authorization for Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Dept. to apply for and accept funding from the 2010 Interoperable Emergency Communications Performance Grant. Monies used for training and education to the Virginia Communications Cache team which builds communications capabilities at the local level to enhance national preparedness and to ensure they operate as one collective team. Grant amount is \$102,000 with no matching funds required.

Admin 8: Authorization for the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board to accept \$94,990 Promotion of Wellness and Recovery (POWAR) Project Grant Award. The primary goal of this grant award is for CSB behavioral care providers to expand the integration of primary care and behavioral health by:

- 1) increasing CSB nurses' knowledge and awareness of hypertension and diabetes,
- 2) improving the knowledge, attitudes, and behavior (health habits) of clients) with hypertension and diabetes through community-based education, and
- 3) developing health information exchange strategies to promote appropriate and timely followup, monitoring, and case management of clients.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Action 1: Approval of the resolution to enable the school bond referendum to appear on the November ballot. The proposed School Bond Referendum in the amount of \$252,750,000 was approved by the FCPS School Board in April 2011. It is anticipated that the referendum amount can be accommodated within the FY 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program. Projects in and serving students in the Hunter Mill district include Sunrise Valley ES (planning and construction), Terraset ES (planning), and Thoreau MS (planning).

Action Item 3: Award of Federal HOME Program Funds to three Fairfax County nonprofit housing organization, NOVACO (\$480,000), Reston Interfaith Housing Corporation (\$249,271), and the Brain Foundation (\$309,271). The funds will be used for the acquisition and preservation of affordable housing for rental to low and very low-income households.

### **CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

Consider 1: Appeal of Va. Code Ann. 15.2232 determination – Application 2232-D11-3, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) in coordination with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) on behalf of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (MWATA) – Dranesville District - to construct a Train Control Room south of Fisher Avenue in the VDOT right-of-way. The Board approved construction of the train control room at this site.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Info 1: Award Grant to Clifton Gunderson LLP for Professional Audit Services.** 3-year contract award for Clifton Gunderston to audit funds associated with Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) grants as required by HUD. Estimated amount: \$165,425/yr for yrs 1 & 2; \$172,580 for yr. 3.

### Info 2: Contract Award - NoVi Trail Segment D

The NoVi Trail - Segment D Walkway project provides for construction of approximately 600 linear feet of asphalt trail along Beulah Road. This project is included in the FY 2012 - FY 2016 Adopted Capital Improvement Program. Contract was awarded to E.E. Lyons Construction Company, Inc. Construction is expected to begin in June and end in July 2011.

Info 4: Planning Commission action on Application 2232A-MD06-10-1, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority in coordination with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation of behalf of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to construct a Traction Power Substation south of Sunset Hills Road and west of Hunter Mill Road in the VDOT right-of-way associated with the extension of Metrorail service through Fairfax County.

### **BOARD MATTERS**

**Backyard EarthFest at Frying Pan Farm Park:** Residents are invited to join me at the Backyard EarthFest on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park. The event focuses on greening in your backyard, patio or balcony with demonstrations, presenters, exhibits and lots of fun.

**Korean Bell Garden dedication at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna:** On Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority will hold a dedication for the Korean Bell Garden, beginning at 11 a.m. The celebration will commemorate the installation of the 7 foot Bell of Peace and Harmony at the new traditional Korean garden. Residents are invited to come out and attend the festivities.

**Frank Bensinger** is retiring after 21 years as principal of Forest Edge Elementary School in Reston. Frank will be invited to the Board and be recognized for his long service to Fairfax County.

**Girl Power Day:** The Board approved designating June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as Girl Power Day in Fairfax County. Girl Power, a program sponsored by the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board, Fairfax County Public Schools and non-profit organizations, encourages and empowers girls ages 10-14 with positive information through life building skills.

**Hunter Mill Country Day School:** Special Exception Amendment was approved for public hearing on June 21, 2011.

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